Schuyler Insider for November 18, 2022
Save the Date!
Data, Advocacy Priorities, Events, and More.

SAVE THE DATE

THE STATE OF New York’s Children 2023

A Data Briefing
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023
9:00–10:30 a.m.
Legislative Office Building, Rm. 711A
Albany, NY

Centering Child Well Being:
Policy Priorities for 2023
As we look toward the 2023 Legislative Session, Schuyler Center urges New York’s leaders to prioritize New Yorkers who are struggling to make ends meet, with a special focus on children and families.

Centering these New Yorkers is more important than ever given that low-income, Black, brown and immigrant New Yorkers, and families with children, continue to be among those hardest impacted by the COVID pandemic and its after-effects, and are struggling to meet the high costs of necessities due to rising inflation. Furthermore, Federal pandemic supports are running out while need remains for many families across the state.

Our policy recommendations are the result of data analysis, and focus on systemic change that centers children and families – especially those impacted by poverty. Ending child poverty must focus on upstream, long-term solutions that bring lasting change.

Read our full Policy Priorities for Child and Family Well-Being document, with detailed legislative steps for achieving each policy goal.

Read more on the Schuyler Insider Blog.

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Giving Tuesday is November 29!

Advocacy starts with you, our supporters. Change is propelled by people who care, and this year on November 29, we at Schuyler Center are committed to harnessing the power of collective action.

Every year on Giving Tuesday, millions of people mobilize to show up, give back, and change their communities.

We’re excited to be a part of this worldwide event, and you have the power to join in as well, helping to raise crucial funds to fuel our mission: to improve health, welfare and human services for all New Yorkers - especially children and families impacted by poverty.

This #GivingTuesday, help us further public policy that gives all New York children the opportunity to thrive!

Support Schuyler Center's Poverty-Fighting Mission
Ready to Work with Gov. Hochul Toward the Well-Being of ALL of NY’s Children

Schuyler Center extends our congratulations to Governor Hochul, the first woman elected Governor of New York State.

Throughout her career, Governor Hochul has expressed her commitment to children and families, and we look forward to continued partnership on priorities such as implementing statewide universal child care, reducing child poverty in New York State, and investing in child and family well-being.

Read more about Schuyler Center’s 2023 Policy Priorities for Child and Family Well-Being.

Schuyler Conversations: Kids and Medicaid

On November 7, Schuyler Center and Medicaid Matters New York co-hosted a conversation on the role of Medicaid in the well-being of New York’s children. View the recording.

The discussion, held live on Zoom, included insights from Kinda Serafi, Partner at Manatt Health; Kate Breslin, Schuyler Center President and CEO; and Lara Kassel, Medicaid Matters New York coordinator.

The conversation highlighted continuous coverage for the youngest New Yorkers, keeping kids covered when the federal public health emergency ends, and ensuring access to services – including preventive care and mental health care for children and adolescents. View the recording.

Early Childhood Oral Health Summit

Focuses on Policies for Equity

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Over 130 people attended the NYS Early Childhood Oral Health Summit on November 14. Participants learned about fifteen successful oral health programs and practices currently operating in New York State. The event highlighted the necessity of raising awareness of the importance of good oral health in early childhood. The Summit focused on actionable steps for creating or expanding oral health programs, with a focus on agencies and programs working with young families.

The majority of the summit attendees were from early care and education programs interested in learning how to begin or expand oral health education or services. Educators and administrators from Head Start, Early Head Start, and child care programs were joined by home visitors, health educators and pediatricians.

Also in attendance were oral health providers from community health centers and private practice to learn about the needs of early childhood programs and possible opportunities to provide services in their communities.

The agenda allowed participants to provide input on how revising policies might improve oral health outcomes for children and families. Ideas collected ranged from helping individual programs educate families to broad government policies to increase the supply of oral health providers treating children. Ideas will be compiled and presented at a follow up virtual meeting to be held on December 8. A report will be released following that meeting.

Resources from the summit and registration for the December 8 program are available on the Schuyler Center website.

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**Crystal Charles Completes Leadership Fellowship**

Established by the New York Community Trust in 2015, Leadership Fellows New York provides professional development for mid-career nonprofit professionals in New York. The fellowship program represents a diverse, inclusive, and talented community of nonprofit leaders who are advancing social justice missions.

Crystal Charles, Senior Policy Analyst for Schuyler Center, participated in the Spring 2022 cohort of the fellowship, earning an Executive Certificate from the Office of Executive Programs of the Marxe School of Public and International Affairs at Baruch College and access to a lifelong alumni community of practice.
The program strengthened Crystal’s knowledge and skills in Leadership, Management, Financial Planning, Resource Mobilization, and Communications. The program features:

- A curriculum taught through the lens of real-world issues and trends
- Small group exercises using tools and strategies to address the particular challenges and opportunities faced by the nonprofit sector
- Leadership Conversations with nonprofit sector and government leaders
- The opportunity to work with a carefully selected mentor affiliated with the fellowship

Crystal’s experience with the fellowship has enriched her own work and Schuyler Center’s work by furnishing Crystal with the skills and confidence to propose bolder strategies, methodically analyze the advocacy landscape, and revitalize, re-engage, and better connect with fellow advocates.

The program builds on Schuyler Center’s focus on collaboration with a variety of stakeholders, which provides us the ability to advocate effectively in our interconnected issue areas (child welfare, child care, child poverty, health, early childhood health and well being, parental mental health, and oral health).

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**Testimony on Public Assistance Benefits**

On October 26, Crystal Charles testified on Schuyler Center’s behalf at the NYS Assembly Standing Committee on Social Services hearing on Public Assistance Benefits in New York State.

Schuyler Center's testimony outlined recommendations for strengthening, expanding, and increasing access to public assistance programs that are proven to reduce child poverty.

Find SCAA's full written testimony here: scaany.org/resources/

A recording of the testimony is available here. Crystal's testimony begins around the 3:22:01 mark.

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**Upcoming Events**

Nov. 22 - [New York Women Care and Count! Rally (In-Person and Online)]

Jan. 11 - State of New York's Children - registration coming in December

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**The Latest News & Reports on Schuyler Priorities**

March of Dimes 2022 Report Card for New York

Health and Learning Are Deeply Interconnected in the Body - Report by Harvard University Center on the Developing Child, 11/2022
Reducing Child Poverty in New York State Through the Empire State Child Credit - Raising New York report, Fall 2022

Defining the Care Workforce: A New Way to Think about Employment in Healthcare, Education, and Social Services - Rockefeller Institute report, 11/2022

Racism is a Public Health Issue (America Dissected podcast, 10/11/22)

Advocates emphasize importance of funding for children and families primary prevention services - includes interview with Schuyler Center's Crystal Charles (WENY News, 10/18/22)

Advocates for children and families plot 2023 priorities - Interview with Schuyler Center’s Dede Hill (Capitol Pressroom, 10/12/22)

Child poverty council scheduled to start work (Capitol Pressroom, 10/6/22)

Commentary: We can end child poverty. Why don’t we? (Times Union, 10/5/22)

Why You Can’t Find Child Care: 100,000 Workers Are Missing (New York Times, 10/13/22)

NYS Child Poverty Reduction Advisory has first meeting (WTEN, 10/13/22)

New York State Child Poverty Advisory Council meets for the first time (WENY News, 10/13/22)

New York Aims to Tackle Child Poverty (The Imprint, 10/12/22)

Using the state tax code to fight poverty (Capitol Pressroom, 9/19/22)

The Reason Child Care Is So Hard to Afford (The Atlantic, 10/1/22)

Opinion | The Sad, Familiar Demise of the Expanded Child Tax Credit (Politico, 9/28/22)

The child care crisis just keeps getting worse (Vox, 9/27/22)

U.S. Child Care: Parents Can’t Afford It and Workers Can’t Afford to Live (Capital & Main, 9/21/22)

How many people are really facing poverty in the U.S.? (Marketplace, 9/15/22)

New evidence on how bringing back the expanded Child Tax Credit will help America’s kids (Daily News, 9/14/22)

Pandemic Aid Cut U.S. Poverty to New Low in 2021, Census Bureau Reports (New York Times, 9/13/22)

Poverty and uninsured rates drop, thanks to pandemic-era policies (NPR, 9/13/22)

How Poverty Programs Aided Children From One Generation to the Next (New York Times, 9/12/22)